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Marcus Mariota was dynamic in the Chip Kelly offense while at Oregon and was equally as impressive last week at the NFL combine. / GETTY IMAGES

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Police search a man who was walking near a site of a 911 call in the 19th District. The man, who said he was a construction worker heading home, was not arrested, charged or cited. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

# Stop-and-frisk goes on, says ACLU

**Philadelphia.** A new report by the ACLU says the problematic tactic of stop-and-frisk is running rampant.

Philly cops continue to use stop-and-frisk on minorities at sky-high rates, despite a 2011 court settlement under which the department agreed to curb the impact of the practice on black and Latino residents, the The American Civil Liberties Union said.

In a report released on Tuesday, the fifth in a series of audits the city agreed to so it could settle a 2010 class-action lawsuit, it says that 80 percent of people stopped on the street were black or Latino, while those groups made up roughly 52 percent of the city's population.

Of the over 200,000 pedestrian stops made in 2014, the ACLU says that 37 percent were made without reasonable suspicion, and that in 95 percent of the cases, no evidence of a crime was found.

"We are still faced with the proposition that tens of thousands of people are being stopped without cause," said David Rudovsky, a civil rights lawyer whose firm partnered with the ACLU on the case.

Rudovsky said lawyers working on the case may ask a judge to impose substantial financial sanctions against the city if it does not seriously improve its practices over the next six months.

The police department did not immediately respond to the ACLU's claims. In a response to a report that came to similar conclusions last year, the department said the ACLU's investigators may not be familiar with the shorthand officers use to describe their stops, and therefore may have erroneously found some stops impermissible.

The city is expected to respond to the report in the next couple of weeks, Rudovsky said.

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Kelvyn Anderson, executive director of the city's Police Advisory Commission, on the department's struggle to reform itself

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**"I think it violates your constitutional rights. Just because you look suspicious doesn't mean they have a right to stop you. It makes you as a black person — well, anybody — not ever wanna come near police."**

Antonio Benton, 32, cook, North Philly, four stop-and-frisks

**"It's not as bad as it used to be but it [racial profiling] is still there. They figure we're more prone to crime."**

Rodney Walker Sr., 49, dock worker, North Philly, 20-30 stop-and-frisks

**"It's not really surprising because I know the stereotypes on black men in America. It just sucks."**

Faith Williams, 17, student, North Philly, no stop-and-frisks

## Casino. Straub agrees to buy AC's Revel for $82 million

The Revel Hotel / FILE PHOTO

Florida developer Glenn Straub has reached a new deal to purchase the Revel Casino in Atlantic City.

Revel AC announced Tuesday that it had reached a deal to sell the twice-bankrupt seaside gambling palace, which was built two years ago at cost of $2.4 billion. The new purchase price: $82 million, a $13.4 million discount from the $95.4 million price Straub had previously agreed to pay.

Straub had balked at the $95.4 million price after a group of businesses that operated in the casino won a series of court victories that put the value of the deal in doubt. A judge granted approval to terminate that sale on Thursday, a move that had cost Straub his $10 million deposit.

The deal is expected to close by March 31, but a source close to the Revel says Straub has already paid the $82 million in cash, a figure that includes the $10 million deposit.

Straub said in a statement Tuesday that his firm, Polo North, is currently negotiating with several tenants with an eye toward opening for the summer season. He said he is planning an additional $100 million in renovations to the property in a three-year plan that calls for, among other things, "a large medical/health spa." DAN KELLEY

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Crime

## Brothers convicted of human trafficking

Two Ukrainian brothers living in Canada were convicted of human trafficking in federal court in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Yaroslav and Mykhaylo Botsvynyuk face 20 years in prison for forcing fellow countrymen to work for little or no pay, cleaning Philadelphia-area big box stores including Target, Acme and Best Buy.

Prosecutors say the brothers used threats of violence, sexual assault and threats against family in Ukraine to gain compliance. Two other brothers, Omelyan and Stepan Botsvynyuk were convicted of human trafficking in 2011. A fifth brother remains in Ukraine. DAN KELLEY

New Jersey

## Seven workers hurt in residential gas leak explosion

More than a dozen New Jersey utility and emergency service workers were injured, two of them seriously, in a house explosion while they were responding to reports of a gas leak on Tuesday.

People had already been evacuated from nearby houses in Stafford Township when the blast occurred, said Michael Kinney, spokesman for New Jersey Natural Gas.

Seven NJNG employees were injured, Kinney said.

Six firefighters and two emergency medical technicians also were injured and treated at local hospitals, he said.

Crews will begin restoring gas service Wednesday. REUTERS

# Flames rage through Kensington building

**Blaze.** A building in Kensington that housed a clothing store caught fire early in the early morning Tuesday.

Firefighters on the scene of the fire at Front and Dauphin streets / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

A fire raged through a building in West Kensington for three and a half hours on Tuesday.

Firefighters say the two-alarm fire started around 5 a.m. in a two-story Rainbow/Payless store near the York-Dauphin SEPTA station.

Hydrant problems caused water department officials to respond as the fire went to three alarms around 7 a.m.

Firefighters declared the fire under control around 8:30 a.m.

No injuries have been reported.

The store, which is owned by Maverick Management Corp. in Brooklyn, was cited for fire code violations in October, the Philadelinquency.com blog reported as the fire burned.

According to L&I records, there was an exposed electrical junction box on the exterior 2nd floor, unlit exit signs and fire extinguishers lacked appropriate inspection tags.

As of Feb. 6, the last time L&I updated the building's records, all of the violations were fixed.

Phone calls to Maverick Management Corp. were not returned.

SEPTA's rail service was suspended until 10:30 a.m. on the Market-Frankford Line between Huntingdon and Berks Stations. Trains did not stop at the York-Dauphin Station until late in the afternoon.

The fire was across the street from the former Bucks Hosiery factory which burned down two years ago and claimed the lives of firefighters Robert Neary and Daniel Sweeney.

The vacant mill had deteriorated under ownership of Yechiel and Michael Lichtenstein's New York-based YML Realty Holdings. The Lichtensteins owed more than $60,000 in liens, building code violations, and unpaid property taxes.

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# West Oak Lane. One charged in Minaj roadie fatal bar fight

One man is in custody for attempted homicide in a barfight that left Nicki Minaj's roadie dead and another man wounded on Feb. 18.

Pierre Boykin, 31, of 1300 East Sedgwick Avenue, has been charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault and other related offenses.

Minaj's road manager, 29-year-old Devon Pickett from Brooklyn, New York, was stabbed multiple times in the torso, and died around 3 a.m.

Police say 27-year-old fellow Minaj crew member Eric Parker also suffered stab wounds to his left arm and is still in critical condition.

"Another senseless act of violence that took the life of a great guy. So sad," Minaj said on her Instagram account after the stabbing.

JOHN CORRIGAN

Pierre Boykin / PPD

**Suspect at large**

**The victims were in Philadelphia preparing for the singer's upcoming tour with her boyfriend, fellow hip-hop artist Meek Mill, also a Philly native.**

- The Inquirer reported that a separate assailant is believed responsible for the fatal stabbing of Pickett.

## Melting ice marvel

**An ice goddess was carved from ice formed below a bridge on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on Feb. 24. The goddess, which is soon to melt, was carved by artist Don Harrison, Philly.com reported, and is named "Shiva."**

CHARLES MOSTOLLER

**Tate-Brown shooting**

## New video raises more questions in shooting

A lawyer representing the family of Brandon Tate-Brown released video to the Daily News on Monday that he said showed Tate-Brown driving with his headlights on prior to his fatal shooting by police.

The video, recovered from a 7-Eleven in Frankford by a private investigator hired by the family, reportedly shows Tate-Brown pulling up outside the store in a white Dodge Charger with his headlights on. Tate-Brown enters the store and leaves a few minutes later.

In a report, police said 15th District officers in a squad car pulled Tate-Brown over around 2:45 a.m. on Dec. 15 for driving without his lights on.

They said Tate-Brown, 26, exited his car, but struggled with officers after they saw a gun in his car's center console.

He "forced his way back to his vehicle and attempted to retrieve the gun," when cops fatally shot him, the report said.

The shooting is under review by the district attorney's office.

Police let lawyer Brian Mildenberg and Tate-Brown's mother see surveillance video of the stop and shooting. They both said Tate-Brown was not running for a gun at the time of the shooting.

Family and supporters have questioned the police account.

"The department has thoroughly investigated this incident; therefore this video isn't some breaking development nor is it the video of the particular incident," police spokesman Lt. John Stanford said via email. "Perhaps if those so quick to point out irrelevant video would just allow the investigation and review to take its course they could make an educated determination based on all evidence and not just what they want to see."

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# Obama vetoes pipeline bill

**Keystone XL.**
Obama has played down their ability to create jobs and raised environment concerns.

Demonstrator / GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama on Tuesday swiftly delivered on his vow to veto a Republican bill approving the Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada, leaving the long-debated project in limbo for another indefinite period.

The Senate received Obama's veto message and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell immediately countered by announcing the Republican-led chamber would attempt to overturn the veto by March 3. Obama rejected the bill hours after it was sent to the White House. Republicans passed the bill to increase pressure on Obama to approve the pipeline, a move the president said would bypass a State Department process that will determine whether the project is in the national interest.

Republicans, who support the project because of its job-creation potential, made passing a bill a top priority after gaining control of the Senate and strengthening their majority in the House of Representatives in fall elections.

The bill passed by 270-152 in the House earlier this month and cleared the Senate in January. Despite their majority in the Senate, Republicans are four votes short of being able to override Obama's veto.

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**"Through this bill, Congress attempts to circumvent long-standing and proven processes for determining whether or not building and operating a cross-border pipeline serves the national interest."**

Obama wrote in his veto message

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The truck driver fled on foot following the crash and was taken into custody several miles away, Oxnard City Fire Department spokesman Joe Garces said. Garces said it was not yet clear if the driver would face charges.

The fiery collision just before 6 a.m. in Ventura County, northwest of Los Angeles, overturned three double-decker Metrolink rail cars. Two others derailed but remained upright.

Authorities said the train, which had been traveling at 79 miles per hour, had used an emergency braking system before hitting the truck. REUTERS

A firefighter hoses down hot spots after the accident. /GETTY IMAGES

## 2 US won't file charges against Zimmerman

The U.S. Justice Department said on Tuesday it will not file civil rights charges against George Zimmerman, a Florida neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin in 2012.

The department said it had not found sufficient evidence that Zimmerman intentionally violated the civil rights of Martin, 17.

The announcement comes as the Justice Department also investigates Darren Wilson, a police officer who shot and killed unarmed black teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. REUTERS

## 3 Facebook counts 2 million active advertisers

Facebook said on Tuesday that its active advertisers rose to 2 million, a 33 percent increase from the 1.5 million it had in July 2014.

The vast majority of the advertisers, defined as those that have placed an ad on the social media platform in the last 30 days, represent small- and medium-size business owners.

Facebook also launched a mobile app for advertisers to use to manage their campaigns. REUTERS

## 4 60 cyberthreat groups linked to nation-states

The FBI is aware of 60 different cyberthreats groups linked to nation-states, a senior bureau official said on Tuesday.

Joseph Demarest, head of the FBI's cyber crime division, also said the bureau learned within a month of Sony Pictures' first report of a cyberattack that North Korea was behind it.

The FBI and State Department also announced a $3 million reward for information leading to arrest of Evgeniy Bogachev, who is charged in the U.S. with running a computer attack network called GameOver Zeus that allegedly stole more than $100 million from online bank accounts. REUTERS

## 5 Conservatives urge Boehner to hold firm on immigration

Conservative Republicans urged House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner not to capitulate in a fight with Democrats over President Barack Obama's immigration policy that threatens a partial Homeland Security shutdown.

The conservative lawmakers, led by Representative Jeff Duncan, circulated a letter to Boehner and other House leaders telling them to hold the line in opposing Obama's executive actions shielding millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation, a Duncan aide said on Tuesday. REUTERS

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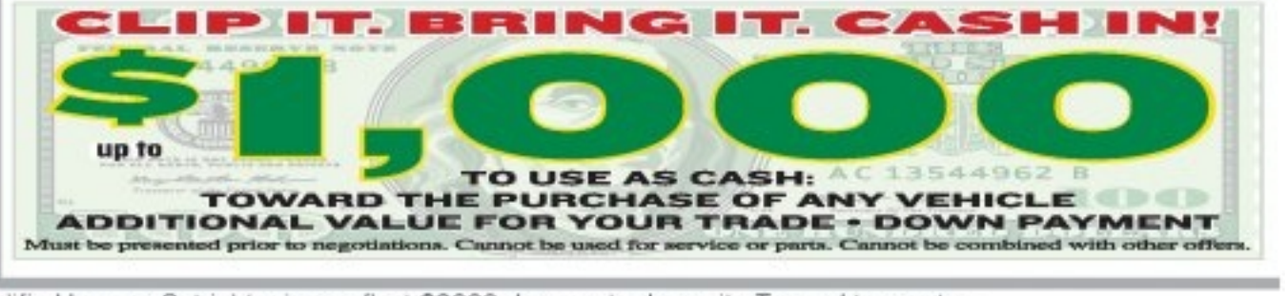
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## Monitor. Islamic State in Syria abducts at least 90 Christians

Islamic State militants have abducted at least 90 people from Assyrian Christian villages in northeastern Syria, a monitoring group tracking violence in Syria said on Tuesday.

The British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said they carried out dawn raids on rural villages inhabited by the ancient Christian minority west of Hasaka, a city mainly held by the Kurds.

Syrian Kurdish militia launched two offensives against the militants in northeast Syria on Sunday, helped by U.S.-led air strikes and Iraqi peshmerga.

This part of Syria borders territory controlled by Islamic State in Iraq, where it committed atrocities last year against the Yazidi religious minority.

Islamic State did not confirm the kidnappings. Supporters posted photos online of the group's fighters in camouflage attire looking at maps and firing machine guns. The website said the photos were from Tel Tamr, a town near where the Observatory said the abductions occurred. REUTERS

Border clash

## Chadian soldiers kill 207 Boko Haram fighters in Nigeria

Soldiers from Chad deployed as part of operations against Boko Haram killed 207 militants in fighting on Tuesday near a Nigerian town close to the border with Cameroon, Chad's army announced in a statement.

One Chadian soldier was killed and another nine were wounded in the clashes near Garambu, the scene of regular attacks by the Nigerian Islamist group in recent months. There was no immediate independent verification of the Chadian army's announcement. REUTERS

# US, Iran positive after nuclear talks, say much left to do

Secretary of State John Kerry and Iran Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif are making progress. / GETTY IMAGES

**State Department official.** Kerry and Zarif would meet again next week.

The United States made some progress in talks with Iran on its nuclear program and managed to "sharpen up some of the tough issues," a senior U.S. official said this week, but both sides said much remained to be done.

Negotiators from Iran and six major powers agreed to resume talks next Monday at a venue to be decided, the official said, speaking after Secretary of State John Kerry and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif held two-day talks in Geneva.

Zarif told Iran's Fars news agency: "We had serious talks with the P5+1 representatives and especially with the Americans in the past three days. ... But still there is a long way to reach a final agreement."

The P5+1 group — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — are seeking to negotiate an agreement with Tehran to address concerns that Iran is seeking nuclear weapons technology, something it denies.

"These were very serious, useful and constructive discussions. We have made some progress but we still have a long way to go. We did very much sharpen up some of the tough issues so we can work to resolution," the senior U.S. administration official told reporters.

Negotiators hope to meet a self-imposed March 31 deadline for an initial political deal, but the U.S. official said that would not "make us rush to an agreement that does not fulfill the objectives that the president has given to us." REUTERS

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Diplomats say the six major powers aim for a deal lasting at least 10 years under which Iran would need a year or more to produce enough highly enriched uranium for a single nuclear bomb, the so-called "breakout" capacity.

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# An 'enlightening' discovery

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**The mummy**

## CT scan reveals Buddhist monk

Researchers believe the body belonged to Buddhist monk Liuquan, who died in China around 1100 A.D. During the artifact's examination, it was discovered that the mummy's internal organs had been removed and replaced with "paper scraps that were printed with ancient Chinese characters," according to the Meander Medical Center in Amersfoort, Netherlands. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

**Archeology**

## Mummy found in Buddha statue

Staff at the in the Netherlands made a shocking discovery: a Chinese statue of a sitting Buddha containing the mummified remains of a monk. The amazing revelation occurred after the statue underwent a CT scan at a local hospital as part of routine restoration works. The statue is now on display at the Hungarian Natural History Museum in Budapest.

**Viewpoint**

**"[The restorer] looked right into the bottom of this monk. You can see part of the bones and tissue of his skin."**

**Vincent van Vilsteren**, an archaeology curator at the Drents Museum in the Netherlands

**By the numbers**

**1,000**

The Buddhist monk has been dead roughly 1,000 years. Researchers used radioactive isotopes of carbon to determine that the mummy likely lived during the 11th or 12th century. The rolled carpet on which the mummy is sitting is about 200 years older.

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Ransom

## Illinois cops pay hackers $500 to unlock a computer

A suburban Chicago police department paid hackers $500 in Bitcoins to unlock a computer they had remotely disabled, according to a report. The Chicago Tribune reported that the Midlothian Police Department was the latest government department to be targeted by the virus known as Cryptolocker, which can disable a computer until an untraceable fee is paid.

The Federal Trade Commission released an advisory on the virus almost a year ago in which it called the program "essentially extortion, with all your personal documents, photos, and files at risk."

According to the report, which was the result of a Freedom of Information Act request, someone at the department opened an e-mail that contained the virus, which locked down the computer. A pop-up window demanded $500 "in exchange for a virtual code that would return access," according to the Tribune.

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Money order

## $606

The department felt it had no option but to pay up. Records show the department paid $606 in a money order, which included bank fees and surcharges, to a New York Bitcoin cafe.

# Down under. Adorable cub and adoptive 'dad' enjoy swim in pond

Ben Britton swims with 8-month-old lion Mal at Wild Animal Encounters, Sydney, Australia / REX USA

When you're not quite sure about getting your paws wet, it can be comforting to have a parent there to give some encouragement.

In this case, it was human 'dad' Ben Britton offering support to 8-month-old lion cub 'Mal' as they went for a swim in the pond at Wild Animal Encounters in Sydney, Australia.

At first Mal seemed like a bit of a scaredy cat as he hesitantly got his feet wet.

But it wasn't long before he found his courage and plunged into the water.

It was then a quick spot of lion paddle before enjoying a congratulatory cuddle from Ben.

Ben became adoptive 'dad' to Mal and his two siblings when they were rejected by their mother.

Wild Animal Encounters is currently celebrating the launch of its new charitable foundation that will work to support WAE's efforts to conserve wildlife both in Australia and overseas, with a keen focus on the African Lion.

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# Zendaya has perfect comeback to 'Fashion Police' hair comments

OK, two things: One, Disney star Zendaya Coleman looks amazing. And two, "Fashion Police" pundit Giuliana Rancic is not a very good comedian. While critiquing looks from the Oscars red carpet, Rancic had this to say about Coleman's long, luxurious dreadlocks: "This hair, to me, overwhelms her. I feel like she smells like patchouli oil. Or weed! Yeah, maybe weed?" Yikes.

Well, naturally, Coleman wasn't too pleased, and she registered her displeasure in a lengthy and well-reasoned rebuttal on Twitter. "There is a fine line between what is funny and disrespectful. Someone said something about my hair at the Oscars that left me in awe," Coleman wrote. "To say that an 18-year-old young woman with locs must smell of patchouli oil or 'weed' is not only a large stereotype but outrageously offensive." She then went on to point out numerous other notable people who don dreadlocks. Rancic, for her part, tweeted that she was totally not referencing race but instead was making fun of bohemians. But man, what did bohemians ever do to her?

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## 2 CULTURE

**Twitter feed**

**Today, Conan O'Brien has some bad news for you, Whitney Cummings is turning to technology, Victoria Beckham knows how to party, and Bette Midler has some fiscal policy suggestions.**

**@ConanOBrien: That unreleased book by Dr. Seuss they just discovered proves that Fifty Shades of Grey was completely plagiarized.**

**@WhitneyCummings: Anyone know of an app that will change my nature?**

**@victoriabeckham: I'm very excited about my new leopard flats!!!**

**@BetteMidler: The #Koch brothers and @GOP spending $1.5 billion on the next election. It'd be cheaper to start a Republican colony in space at this point.**

# Viewers not pleased with Bobby Brown's BET Awards appearance

Bobby Brown popped up on the broadcast of "The BET Honors" on Monday night, which seemed a little strange to some viewers watching at home — you know, since his daughter is currently in the hospital fighting for her life and all. A few even took to Twitter to admonish Brown for getting his priorities mixed up, posting complaints like "Bobby Brown, get [your] damn ass back to the hospital." Here's the thing, though: The awards show — which also featured a surprisingly eloquent and entertaining speech on racism from Kanye West — actually took place on Jan. 24, a full week before Bobbi Kristina was hospitalized. So everybody just ease off, OK?

## 2

# THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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# 'Magic Mike' sequel messing with Sofia Vergara's wedding plans

Maybe the upcoming "Magic Mike" sequel, "Magic Mike XXL," isn't purely a source of goodness and happiness after all, because it's really mucking up Sofia Vergara's plans to tie the knot with Joe Manganiello. "We wanted to get married this summer, but Joe will be busy working and promoting 'Magic Mike 2,'" she tells Page Six. "We want to get married at a time when we can get away and make time for a honeymoon, so the wedding will probably be later this year." So, you know, your summer is now free. Enjoy!

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# MEEK MILL AND NICKI MINAJ HAVE EX TROUBLE

**Celebrity sightings**

- **Nicki Minaj** was rumored to be rehearsing for her upcoming tour (with rumored boyfriend **Meek Mill**) at **The Liacouras Center** last week. Meanwhile, Meek, who's busy prepping for March 21's homecoming gig at **Wells Fargo Center**, spent the weekend fighting on Instagram with his ex **Fahimah** after she followed Minaj's ex **Safaree Samuels**.

CHRIS BROWN
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- **Chris Brown** hung out with fans backstage at Wells Fargo Center before his show with **Trey Songz**.

- **Cardinal O'Hara** grad **Jason Morgan**, recently made the face of Giorgio Armani's men's fragrance, was all over **Armani**'s pre-Oscars event in Hollywood.

- 6ABC's **Amy Buckman** and director **Tigre Hill** watched the Oscars at **Hard Rock Cafe**.

Sometimes gossip is as much about what isn't happening as what is. After signing its deal last fall to open on 15th and Sansom, **Tin Roof** — a Nashville-based chain of country music saloons — has stopped operations on its Philly outpost. Apparently, neighborhood businesses believe the block already gets too crowded with people and cars when **Ladder 15**, **Rumor** and **Oyster House** let out and gave Tin Roof's owners a difficult time with licenses.

Another thing that didn't happen yet: **Tower Investments**' **Bart Blatstein**'s unveiling of "dramatic redevelopment plans" for **Atlantic City's Pier Shops at Caesars**, the property he purchased with architect **Paul Steelman** for $2.7 million. The event was set for Feb. 24, but the project's ducks and dollars aren't all in a row.

After a recent discussion of **Olde Bar** and his upcoming **Buena Onda** taqueria at the **Granary**, Iron Chef **Jose Garces** mentioned that **Volver**, his **Kimmel Center** restaurant, would soon overhaul its year-old tasting menu for spring. He's already Instagrammed several dishes and is putting last-minute touches on others before officially announcing changes.

The Flyers' right wing Jakub Voracek answered a Make-A-Wish request for Tony Campisi, who brought his brother, Nick, along.
SARAH FERGUS

**Philadelphia Flyers**' right wing **Jakub Voracek** fulfilled a Make-A-Wish request for 11-year-old **Tony Campisi** of Mechanicsburg. Campisi and his family got a private box and VIP treatment, plus a trip to **Dave & Buster's** with Voracek, who made certain Campisi won an Xbox One. GM **Ron Hextall** signed Campisi to a one-day contract.

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**TV watch list**

**COMEDY**

## 'The Goldbergs'

Barry tries to fake a sick day and live out his own version of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" but runs into some speed bumps along the way, because we can't all be Ferris. He's a righteous dude. **8:30 P.M., ABC**

**REALITY**

## 'Survivor: Worlds Apart'

Reality TV takes on income inequality, as the castaways for season 30 are split into Blue Collar, White Collar and No Collar. We're guessing No Collar means unemployed? Is anyone going to root for the White Collar people on this show? **SEASON PREMIERE, 8 P.M., CBS**

**DRAMA**

## 'Nashville'

Rayna causes some career issues for Jeff, while Deacon considers joining a clinical trial for a new form of treatment. **10 P.M., ABC**

**TALK SHOW**

## 'The Daily Show with Jon Stewart'

Two of your favorite comedy nerds unite, as Conan O'Brien swings by "The Daily Show" to talk to Jon Stewart. Maybe all of Stewart's pals will stop by now that he's leaving the show. **11 P.M., COMEDY CENTRAL**

**LISA WEIDENFELD**

We all wish we could be Ferris Bueller, but on "The Goldbergs," they try to make it happen. / GREG GAYNE, ABC

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# Matthew Perry de-Chandlers on 'The Odd Couple'

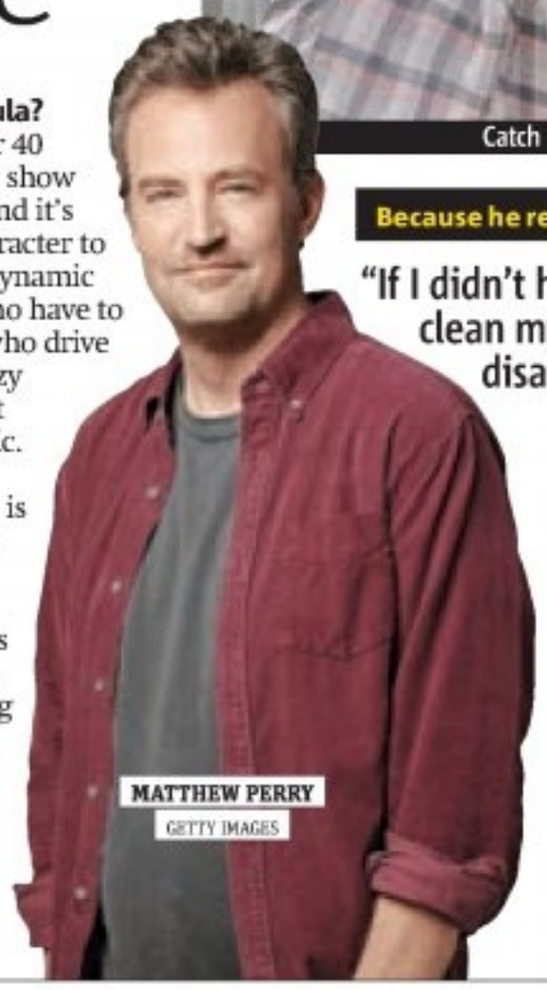
Catch "The Odd Couple" Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. on CBS. / SONJA FLEMMING, CBS

**Comedy.** The 'Friends' alum is back in front of a live studio audience, and he feels right at home.

Matthew Perry knows that, given his history on "Friends," everyone expects him to play the persnickety Felix Unger on the new version of "The Odd Couple," but he swears he's better suited for his role as the slovenly Oscar Madison. (Thomas Lennon steps into the Felix role.) He's got a few compelling reasons for why viewers should give the reboot a shot.

**Because he's a die-hard fan of the original — and then some.** "I was such a big fan of the movie that I know the movie by heart, and I loved the TV show as well, but mostly the movie is what really drove me to want to play Oscar. I co-wrote the pilot, and it was difficult to not just put every line from the movie in the script. And one of the biggest laughs in our first episode is a line directly from the movie. I say, 'You leave little notes for me: We're out of cornflakes, FU. We're out of socks, FU. It took me two days to figure out that FU was Felix Unger.' That line is in the pilot."

**Because why mess with a classic formula?** "It's been 30 or 40 years since the show has been on, and it's such a fun character to play, and the dynamic of two guys who have to live together who drive each other crazy is just a perfect sitcom dynamic. And playing Oscar Madison is a dream come true. We've modernized the show so it's more modern-day and dealing with relationships and two guys in their 40s trying to date and being single out there. But the core of the show remains the same, which is two guys who are very, very different living together and driving each other crazy."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**Because he really is a slob**

**"If I didn't have people who help clean my house, it would be a disaster."**

**Because he's actually not that celebrated an actor.** "If I say [playing the role is] easy then I won't win any awards. People think I have won awards, but I haven't won a thing."

**Because it's about time Matthew Perry got a live studio audience.** "The show we're doing though, it's like those great comedies in the '80s and '90s. It's a sort of a throwback to that genre. It's just a straight sitcom that is funny. I tried for the last 10 years to do something different and do a drama and then do a one-camera comedy, then I realized the sitcom lifestyle and having an audience is just so much fun. I missed it. We are doing just a classic kind of comedy thing. It's not groundbreaking."

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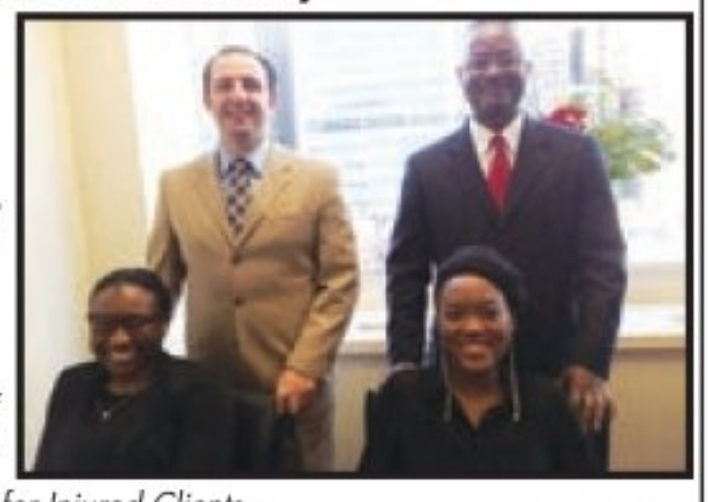
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# Which sitcom crew should you hang out with?

If you can't hang out with the friends of "Friends," there are still plenty of options. / GETTY IMAGES

With the success of "Friends," networks have been trying to capitalize on the entertainment value of a bunch of witty people hanging out together ever since. Some didn't last too long, but others have thrived. The only problem is, how do you decide which is the best one for you? We've designed this quiz to help you figure out which crew you should be hanging out with every week. **LISA WEIDENFELD**

## 1 Who do you like hanging out with?

**a.** My BFF
**b.** My boyfriend and our respective friends
**c.** My roommates
**d.** A group of people who share my interests

## 2 When I date

**a.** Who said anything about dating? Stop trying to pin me down.
**b.** My relationship is very stable, but my friends are too dysfunctional to be in one.
**c.** I might date a roommate and regret it.
**d.** Date? I've been in love with the girl next door for a while now.

## 3 I would describe my friends as

**a.** The most beautiful, wonderful people I know.
**b.** Funny, but they're no Mother Teresa.
**c.** 30-somethings still trying to figure life out.
**d.** Huge nerds. Just huge.

## 4 My ideal night out is

**a.** Aiming for something huge! It doesn't matter if it doesn't work out perfectly, though.
**b.** Trying to get into a trendy new restaurant or having a competition with my friends.
**c.** Hanging out at the bar where a few of my friends work.
**d.** One word: gaming.

## 5 In 10 years, I'll be

**a.** Same as now: Rockin' it and living my best life.
**b.** I might have kids, unless I'm still thinking about whether or not I want kids.
**c.** Running a local school, but probably still living with friends.
**d.** Teaching at a university.

## 6 In your job, you

**a.** Just pass the time until 5 p.m.
**b.** Work hard, but not everyone in my circle does.
**c.** I've changed careers a few times, but I think I've got it figured out this time.
**d.** Do something complicated and technical.

## 7 How's your living situation?

**a.** A work in progress.
**b.** I have my own place, and it's nice.
**c.** I live with all my friends, just like on "Friends."
**d.** I'm trying to transition from living with friends to living with a partner.

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**Mostly A answers:**

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## 'Broad City'

You want to hang with the gals of "Broad City." You may not be setting the world on fire professionally, but that doesn't matter as long as you've got your best friend with you. You two are on top of the world, no matter where you are.

**Mostly B answers:**

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## 'Marry Me'

You want to hang with the misfits of "Marry Me." You and your friends have known each other for a while, and that's part of what makes hanging out so fun. You can generally get up to some trouble with them, even though you should know better.

**Mostly C answers:**

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## 'New Girl'

You want to hang out in the loft on "New Girl." You're still figuring things out, but that's fine, because your friends will support you no matter what. You can always count on them to cheer you up with a fun drinking game.

**Mostly D answers:**

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## 'The Big Bang Theory'

You want to nerd it up on "The Big Bang Theory." You and your friends may not know the latest trends, but you always have fun anyway. You know plenty of sci-fi trivia, and you don't care who knows it.

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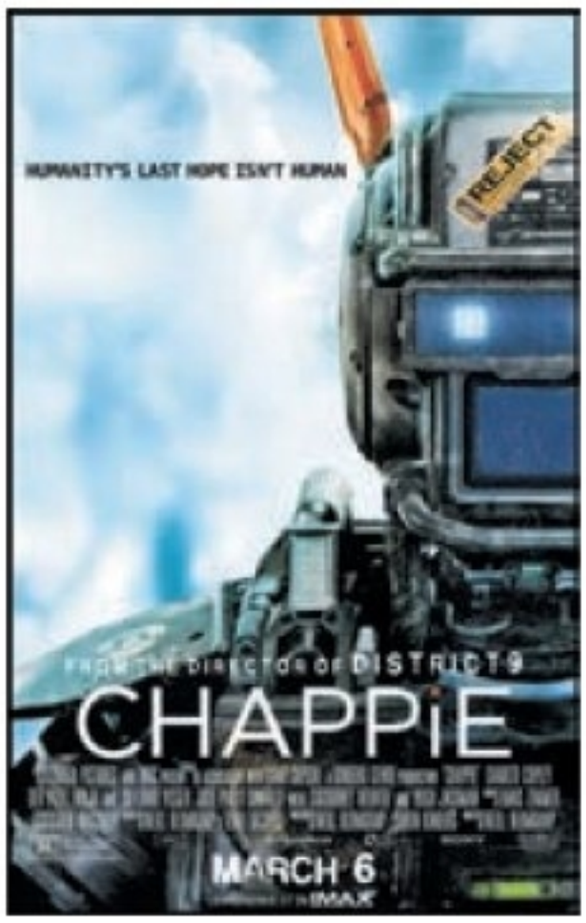


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# Adam Scott gets in the 'Hot Tub'

**Interview.** The actor talks about joining franchises mid-stream and suffers through "Party Down" inquiries.

Adam Scott wasn't always a comedic actor. His career was already well underway when he suddenly started doing a lot more comedy, with "Step Brothers," "Party Down" and "Parks and Recreation," which he joined as it was already well underway. He does the same thing by jumping into the "Hot Tub Time Machine" series in its second film, playing the son of John Cusack (who is AWOL) from the future.

**You're no stranger to joining franchises mid-stream. Was this any different from "Parks and Rec"?**

I already knew Rob [Corddry], Craig [Robinson] and Clark [Duke], so it was easy. I think I said yes before they even wrote it. Steve [Pink], the director, just pitched me a rough idea and I said sure. It was like going to summer camp in New Orleans with your friends. It didn't really feel like work. It feels like you're hanging out with your friends and someone happens to be filming it. I've been lucky to be in a bunch of TV shows and movies that are like that. I would love to hang around and make dick jokes with Rob, Craig and Clark whether it was being filmed or not. It's just a happy coincidence that we got a movie out of it.

**But it's not all play, though. You still have to make a movie.**

It is work. We are working 15-hour days. We're tired at the end of the day. It's not like it was a vacation. We all worked really hard to make a good movie. We weren't just trying to make ourselves laugh. We were always trying to find what makes the best scene. It was work, but getting able to work with your friends is the best-case scenario. I'm lucky enough to have friends who are really talented and funny and really great actors. It's just a bonus that you get to work with people you enjoy.

Adam Scott, right, joins the likes of Rob Corddry, left, in "Hot Tub Time Machine 2." / PARAMOUNT PICTURES

ADAM SCOTT
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**Bonus question**

## What happens when you ask Scott about the "Party Down" movie?

It's been awhile since anyone reported any updates about the "Party Down" movie. Not that Scott gets asked about it often. "Yeah, I think it's been like four days since someone asked me that in an interview," he replies. "I don't know if that will ever happen, but you never know. But no, no updates."

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# Spring forward with flowers

**Bouquet.** A florist from the biggest indoor flower show in the world shares her tips.

The Philadelphia Flower Show attracts 260,000 visitors every year. / R. KENNEDY FOR VISIT PHILADELPHIA

Robin Heller's display for the weeklong Philadelphia Flower Show, touted as the world's largest and oldest indoor flower show, includes more rats than you might imagine.

The theme for this year's show is Celebrate the Movies. Heller's shop, Flowers By David, is participating for the 19th time.

The display conjures "Ratatouille," with flowers woven into scenes of sewers, a kitchen, a restaurant, an 11-foot-tall lit-up Eiffel Tower and plenty of plush rodents.

"We like to have a sense of humor — we consider ourselves the stand-up comics of the horticultural world," jokes Heller, who owns the Langhorne, Pennsylvania, shop with her husband, David.

The couple looks forward to the show, which attracts 260,000 visitors, because it gives them a chance to go bigger than the usual client requests.

"None of our clients are going to order something that's $1,000 for an arrangement," she says, "but here we get to play."

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Beyond the displays and gardens, there are also flowers for sale.
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**Expert tips**

**Want to brighten up a dreary winter day with colorful blooms? Here are three things to keep in mind at the florist.**

- **Buy local:** "Always buy flowers from a Real Local Florist," says Heller (referring to a florist organization). "They have access to the freshest, widest variety and can suggest flowers that might suit the occasion."
- **Don't stick with the same old:** "Never be afraid to try something new — it might become your new favorite!" she says.
- **Black is not chic when it comes to flora:** "Avoid any flowers that look brown or shriveled," Heller warns. "Foliage should not be discolored, brown or black."

**Q&A**

ROBIN & DAVID
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**What advice would you give for creating a flower arrangement?**

"The best advice is to work clean!" Heller says. "Clean container, clean knife or scissors, clean water. Remove all foliage below the water level and keep changing the water. It will double the life of your floral purchase."

**PLUS**

**Tulips**

## What's in season

**You can buy a bouquet of any flowers you have your heart set on, any time of year — but it's not going to be cheap.**

**"Some things — like peonies — you'll get a better value on in May and June," Heller says. "But if you want them now, we can get them."**

**On the snowy East Coast, Heller's shop is filled with sunflowers, roses and lilies from Ecuador, protea from California, and mini amaryllis from Canada.**

**But if you prefer to stick with season-appropriate (and less expensive) choices, Heller says go for tulips: "Tulips are in full flush. This is tulip season."**

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Have a conversation about what kind of space you want to live in before moving in together. / ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

# Rules for cohabitation

**Tips.** Moving in with your significant other? Here's how to avoid the drama.

Are you and your significant other taking the plunge and moving in together? Before you start plotting where to hide his vinyl collection, read ahead. Interior designer Christa O'Leary, who just happens to also be a marriage and family therapist, offers these tips for stress-free cohabitation.

## Clear communication

To blend two different lifestyles together with the least amount of friction, O'Leary recommends clearly communicating needs and making compromises before unpacking boxes.

"You should have a good understanding of how you like to keep your place but also how your partner does," O'Leary explains. "If your partner is a messy person that leaves his underwear on the floor and you're the person who needs to have a very organized environment, it's going to cause issues in your relationship."

Her solution is to be clear about what you want. "Talk about your needs," O'Leary says, "[like] quiet space before going to bed, very organized space, etc. Communication is key."

## Get on the same design page

Before buying that shabby chic sofa or obnoxiously large flat-screen, discuss your style with your significant other. Create a folder or Pinterest board with images of interiors you like. Then, go over your design vision, needs and wants with each other says the expert. "It helps to get a sense of what is going to work for both people because it's really important to make sure that when couples are moving in together or are designing a space together, that they both really love the space," she explains. "Our environments nurture and support, so you don't want a situation where it supports one person and not the other."

## Women don't make all the design decisions

"Men are much more into designing than they have ever been before," says O'Leary. "And it's just really important for a couple to understand that there should be a balance between masculine and feminine energy to support both people."

## When renovating

"Communication, and having a plan in place, is key," stresses O'Leary, who says a renovation can really bring out the worst in a relationship. "So before the renovation project begins, it is important to set expectations like who's in charge of what. And also have a clear expectation around the schedule," she says.

## Unplug in the bedroom

"I highly recommend that people don't have a TV in the bedroom because the bedroom is a sanctuary for communication and intimacy," says O'Leary. "And if you have things such as a TV or computers or iPhones, that is a distraction away from a couple being able to connect."

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# Diversity on the runway

Models walk the Rag and Bone runway during New York Fashion Week. / GETTY IMAGES

**NYFW.** Was there really change during the New York show cycle? We investigate.

This Fashion Week seemed to be more diverse than usual. It started with Chromat and Kanye West for Adidas, both labels showing their wares on a wide range of ethnicities, races and body types. Then there were the disabled models at FTL Moda — including New York Fashion Week's first amputee — a model with Down syndrome at Carrie Hammer and middle-aged women and young trans people at the avant-garde Eckhaus Latta. Articles heralded a sea change in the Fashion Week landscape. Yet, despite a handful of young designers shaking things up, the New York runways are still overwhelmingly white.

"It's still very much the same as previous seasons," says Yomi Abiola, a model and founder of Stand Up For Fashion, which promotes diversity and social responsibility in the fashion industry. "Sure, there are one or two new faces, but if we could really call [the runways] diverse, they would look a lot different."

Indeed, of the thousands of looks walking down the 104 major runway shows archived by Style.com (not including small presentations or more niche showcases like VFiles), only about 20 percent of them were worn by non-white models, which has been static since 2008.

The problem isn't just with designers, says Abiola, but can be attributed to the lack of diversity in every level of the industry, from casting directors to editors to artistic directors. "There needs to be a cultural shift that takes place in the industry," she says. "The runways are a reflection of what goes on internally."

And while the increasing number of non-white faces in the front row — as well as the importance of social media, with modeling agencies scouting Instagram for personalities rather than a uniform look — can make a difference eventually, it's clear that when it comes to diversity, New York Fashion Week still has a way to go.

"A handful of more diverse shows is not a full shift. It's not a renewal of thinking," says Abiola. "These are superficial strides made to avoid addressing something that's a lot deeper."

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## One to watch. Charles Harbison

A look at the Harbison Fall 2015 presentation at New York Fashion Week.
/ CONNOR LAMB

"Normal through a modernist lens," says Charles Harbison of his Fall 2015 collection, which he debuted at the Standard hotel during New York Fashion Week.

But there's something extraordinary about this young designer's approach to normal: his swingy color-blocked skirts inspired by painter Brice Marden, elegant pullovers and cocoon coats cut from gray neoprene jersey, fluid trousers that look as effortless as sweats.

The presentation, too, had a sunniness and bonhomie too rare in fashion (there were even kids there, on a school field trip, invited by Harbison himself). When asked about his vision, the designer sites his muse and collaborator, supermodel Beverly Johnson. "Her ease and elegance. I wanted that in my clothes." Mission accomplished. **RL**

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If a friend is stressing you out, is cutting them out of your life the logical step? Pplkpr thinks so. The smartwatch and app track which friends get your heart rate up — then take action.

Using a Bluetooth monitor and a GPS tracker, Pplkpr (pronounced "people keeper") analyzes your relationships by measuring your heart rate variability and stress levels to detect spikes in your emotions. Over time, the iOS app learns to "auto-manage your social life," blocking or deleting contacts it thinks are bad for your health and scheduling time to hang out with people who make you feel good.

The app's Brooklyn-based co-creator, Lauren McCarthy, tells us the inspiration for Pplkpr came from the trend of wearables changing our behavior. "The idea of an algorithm tracking and managing your social life feels creepy, but what if it actually works?" she says. "What if it improves your emotional life?"

There's also a bigger question: Can quantifying our life go too far? "The app is a critical response to trends we see in quantified self, big data and surveillance, but we don't believe any of these things are black and white," she says.

Students at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh took Pplkpr on a test drive. No relationships ended badly because of the app, though there was one hiccup: "One pair of best friends who were using the app got blocked from each other because they were working on a group project that always stressed them out." So computers always don't know what's best for us — yet. **ROBERT CANYARD**

# TRENDY FOODS TO ADD TO YOUR MENU

Peppers punch up sweet and savory dishes – and your health, too. / ISTOCK

The food world is much like the fashion world — what's en vogue is constantly changing, and there's a new flavor of the month every, well, month. Don't get caught with an unfashionable plate. Instead, fill it up with these four popular picks.

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### Hot foods

Hot sauce took the food world by storm last year, and it's only getting hotter. You'll find spicy peppers, seasonings and sauces in everything from popcorn to ice cream! I love this trend because it's a great way to kick up the flavor without adding extra fat, calories, sugar and/or salt to recipes. Plus, the heat has been shown to kick up metabolism and dampen appetite. Easy ways to spice things up: Add sriracha to mac and cheese, sprinkle cayenne in tomato soup, or add a few dashes of hot sauce into your scrambled eggs or morning omelets.

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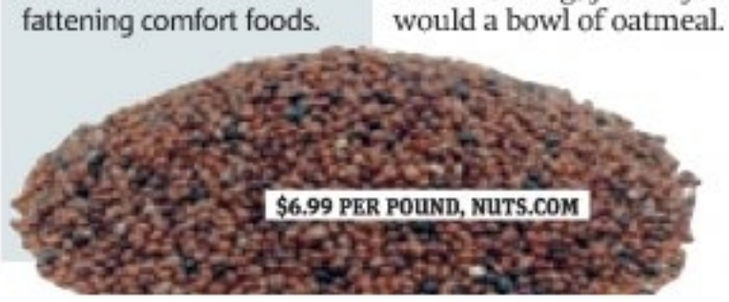
### Cauliflower

If you've relegated this versatile veggie to steamed side dish, boy, are you missing out! It has the ability to take on so many flavors — from creamy to crunchy and nutty to sweet — and different shapes, too, from cauliflower pizza crust to cauliflower mashed "potatoes"! With only five grams of carbs and an impressive three grams of fiber, it's easy to see why this has become a popular low-calorie stand-in for fattening comfort foods.

### Kaniwa

Move over quinoa, there's a new grain in town. Kaniwa (ka-nyi-wa), a pseudo-grain, offers many of the same nutrient perks (it's high in protein, fiber and iron, and is also gluten-free) and similar flavor as quinoa, but it's easier to use. That's because it's smaller in size and doesn't contain quinoa's saponins, a soap-like compound you need to rinse off before eating. You can find it online or in health food stores and use it much like you would quinoa: mixed into a grain salad or added to a green salad. You can also enjoy leftovers the next morning, just as you would a bowl of oatmeal.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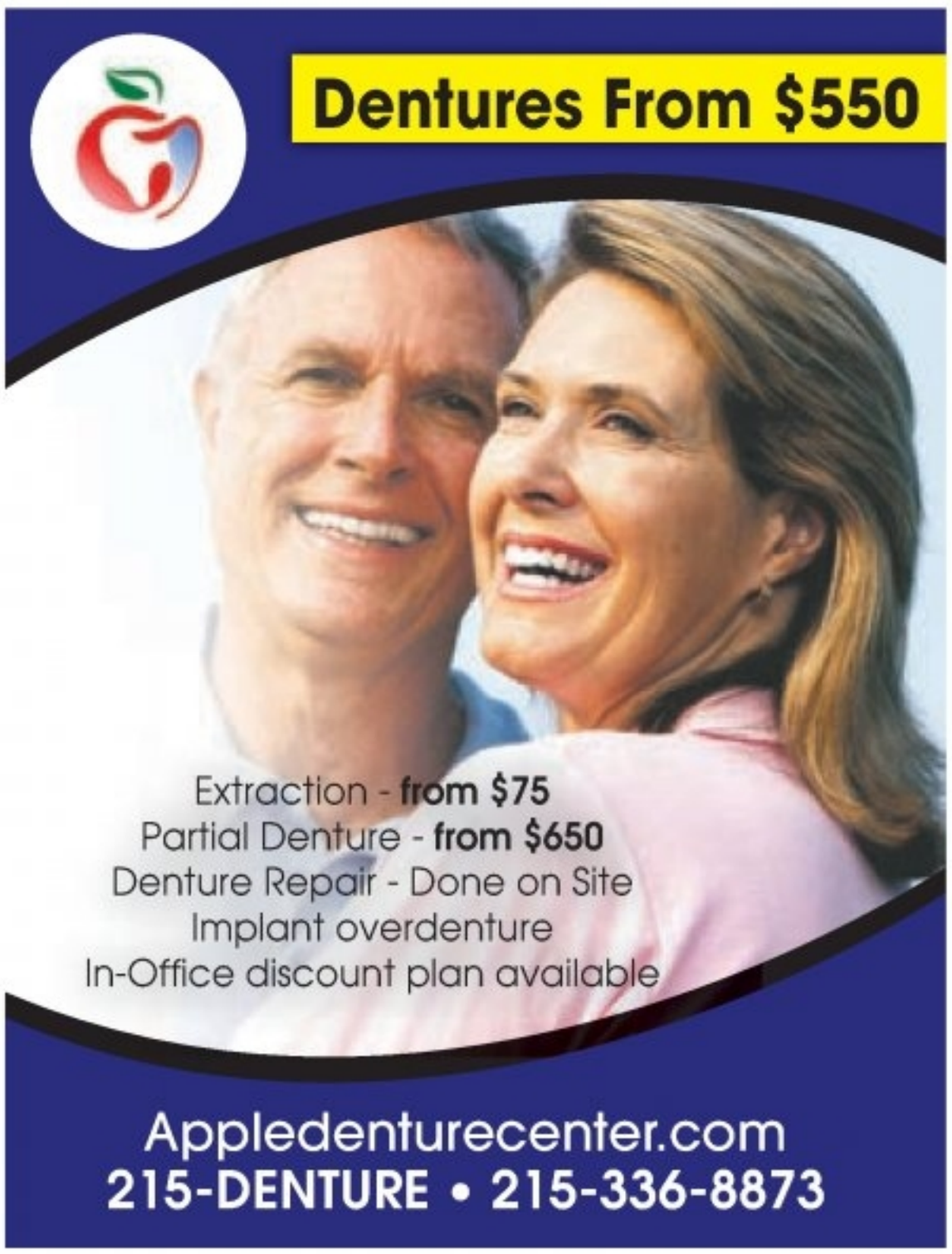

## Horoscope

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20**
Find a quiet corner and get your work done without entering into a dispute. Your attention to detail will ensure that finish.

**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20**
Your honest, open manner and true concern for others make you a trusted confidant. Do something special for someone who has been there for you always.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21**
Consider the motives of someone who wants you to loan cash. A foolhardy joint financial venture will cause serious setbacks.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20**
You'll have to work hard to get things going. Dwelling on emotional issues will lead to depression.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22**
Don't get drawn into the rumor mill, and avoid repeating negative or uncomplimentary comments. Gossip will not help you make gains.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22**
Step into the limelight with confidence. Your suggestions will have a powerful impact on those around you, and you will be able to gain valuable support.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22**
Deception is apparent. Someone will try to undermine your credibility. Be prepared to fight for what is rightfully yours.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22**
You are thirsty for knowledge. Attend informal events or seminars that will give you insight into different cultures.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21** You will be asked to help with someone's financial matters. You will gain confidence knowing that you are doing something nice for someone.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21** Partnerships look promising. Show what you can bring to the table and find out how far you can go, based on the sum total of your contributions.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20** The more you do to help those in need, the more recognition and satisfaction you will receive.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18** Get out and have a good time with a friend or lover. Lively activities will provide a welcome diversion from everyday pressures and tension. EUGENIA LAST

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## Letters to the editor

# *Fast food could be instrument to fight superbugs*

McDonald's could be a catalyst for change in the fight to save antibiotics. For decades, antibiotics have been fed to food animals on a daily basis in order to accelerate growth and prevent disease, even when they are not sick. The Centers for Disease Control says that this practice has contributed to the creation of antibiotic-resistant bacteria known as superbugs, which infect two million Americans each year. McDonald's is one of many restaurants that serve meat raised with antibiotics, but it is also one of the largest, providing food for one percent of the global population each day.

If they switched to meat raised without antibiotics, it would be the equivalent of banning antibiotics in meat production in a small country.

The company could lead the way for meat producers and other food giants to start thinking about changing their practices too. In turn, those notorious golden arches could be an agent of positive change, and their public image could be changed for good.

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6 Friday portrayer
10 Not all
14 Rigid
15 Jackrabbit
16 Sheik colleague
17 Hoosier Poet
18 Aloud
19 Go wild about
20 A mean Amin
21 They're self-propelled (var.)
24 Many a watchdog (2 wds.)
26 Perches
27 Come-ons
28 Zorba portrayer
30 Mr. Haggard
33 Fast sleds
34 Riviera summer
37 Invoice stamp
38 Touchdowns
39 Funny -- Lebowitz
40 Warm greeting
41 Bothersome
42 Injured at Pamplona
43 Beatrice's admirer
44 Promissory note
45 Untamed
48 Walks the beat
52 Old saloon amenity (2 wds.)
55 Legume
56 — facto
57 Yorkshire river
58 Like the flu
60 After that
61 West Coast sch.
62 Wipe a hard drive
63 Relieve
64 Penn or Connery
65 Adjust the length

**Down**
1 Bacon unit
2 Fictional orphan
3 Totally dark
4 Compass dir.
5 Beatles tune (2 wds.)
6 "— Stop The Rain"
7 Countess's spouse
8 Laugh loudly
9 Steeples
10 Individual
11 Ranis' servants
12 Bolt for a girder
13 Curly lock
22 Loop trains
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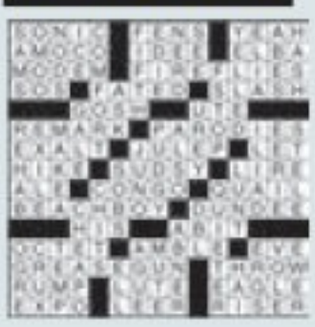

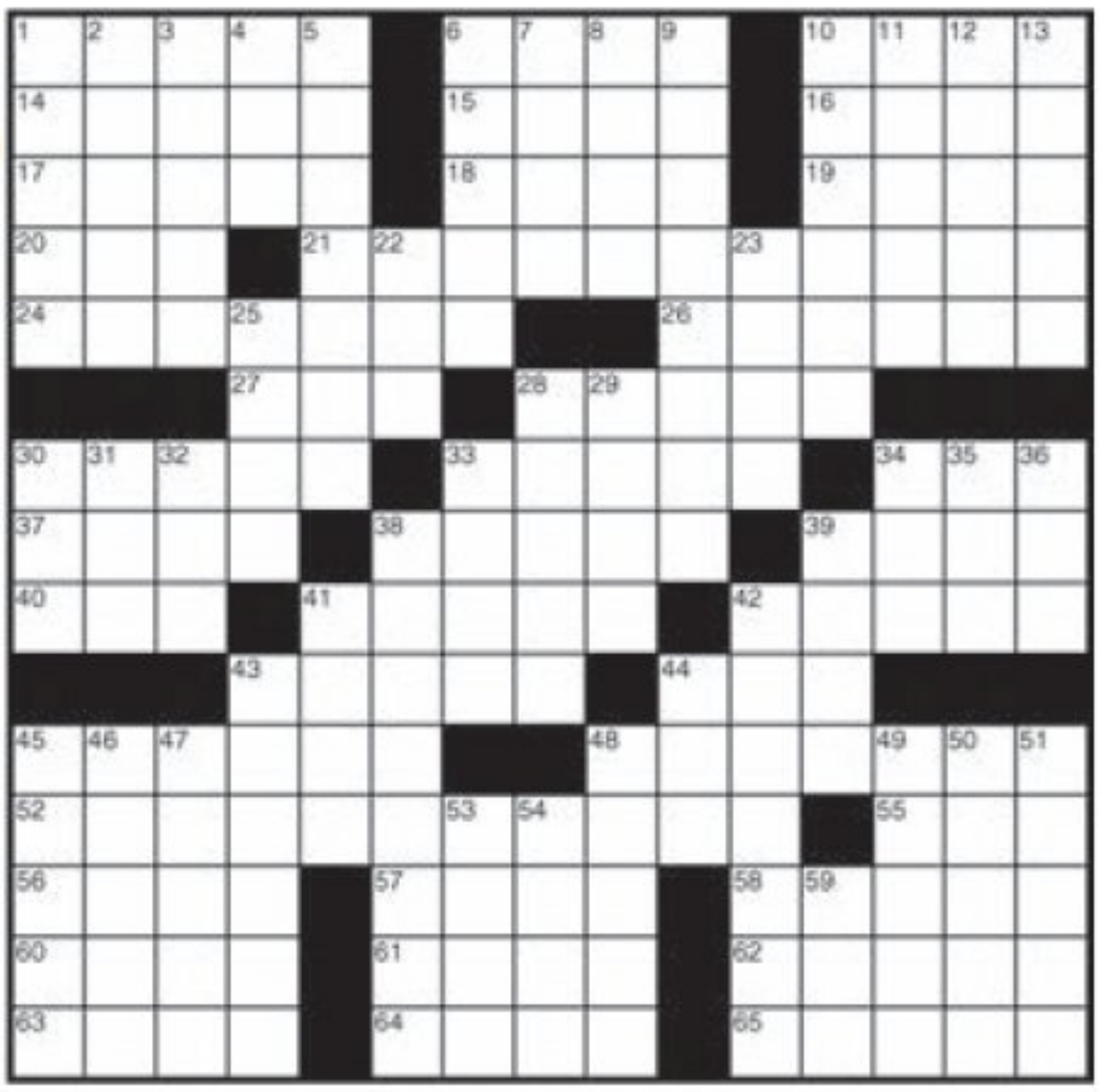

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# Things to know about the Union's offseason

**MLS.** The Union will likely resemble a vastly different team in 2015.

The Union's preseason has been off to an up and down start so far, but as a whole it's been full of growth and change. The team is really trying to hone in their identity before the regular season begins next month. They notched a 3-0 victory over Costa Rica's U-23 team last Wednesday before downing London United, 6-0, Saturday. Several roster shakeups have been made including a key injury.

Here's three important things to know:

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## 1 Aristeguieta leads striker race

To start training camp, talks of either C.J. Sapong or Conor Casey filling the role of the Union's central striker up top seemed to be the team's offensive plan of action. That was until the team signed striker Fernando Aristeguieta on loan from FC Nantes of France's Ligue 1 on Friday.

Fernando Aristeguieta

In just his first match with the team on Saturday, he notched two goals and ran very well in the flow of the offense.

He made crisp passes and often found himself in the perfect position for the receiving end of crosses. It looked like he'd been working with the team all offseason.

## 2 Blake has knee surgery

Letting in three goals with only two saves in a 3-1 loss to the Jacksonville Armada was not the type of start to the 2015 season that fans were expecting from first-overall pick in the 2014 SuperDraft, Andre Blake.

Things have only gotten worse for Blake, who underwent a successful partial menisectomy on his left knee Monday. His injury is expected to keep him out of action for four to six weeks. In the interim, the Union signed local product John McCarthy, of North Catholic and La Salle, to take his place.

BLAKE SAVED SEVEN SHOTS IN HIS ONE START (A 2-0 LOSS) DURING THE 2014 SEASON.

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## 3 Vitoria adds to Union defense

When the Union loaned defender Carlos Valdes to Nacional of Uruguay for the entirety of the 2015 season, the team didn't waste any time finding the next center back to take his place. They signed defender Steven Vitoria on loan from Benfica of Portugal's Primeira Liga to shore up the team's back line.

The 6-foot-5 center back has spent his entire professional career playing in Portugal. He represented Portugal at the youth level at the 2006 UEFA U-19s Championship and at the 2007 FIFA U-20s World Cup.

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Marcus Mariota has plenty of room for improvement, according to one NFL executive. / GETTY IMAGES

# NFL executive says Mariota a project for every team but Eagles

**NFL draft.** If the Oregon star doesn't join with the Chip Kelly offense, he could take a few years to adjust.

Marcus Mariota may have impressed scouts at the NFL Combine on Saturday, but one NFL executive cautions Metro that there is still work to be done for the former Heisman winner to become a Pro Bowl quarterback.

Coming out of a college offense at Oregon that looked nothing like a pro-style set-up, Mariota may have a hard time replicating his big college numbers, at least at first.

According to one NFL executive, the transition period for Mariota might well mean he's not ready to be an instant starter, even if he is likely thrust into a starting role much faster than that. Mariota is considered a consensus top-10 selection and could fall to the New York Jets at No. 6 or could be a trade option for the Philadelphia Eagles, a move that would reunite him with his college coach, Chip Kelly.

"He has operated in the shotgun virtually his entire career. He's operated in a lot of pre-snap reads, not a lot of post-snap reads. When he goes elsewhere with the football, it's in a scramble setting. He hasn't called a play in three years," the executive told Metro last week. "In college, he was taught he doesn't have to throw into that picture; it's too tight. In the NFL, they're going to have him make those throws to the opposite shoulder. The picture he is taught in college just isn't there in the NFL.

"He may prove to be a 10-year answer for somebody but there's going to be a period of adjustment unless he goes to the Eagles. All the other teams have to realize that they can build in some elements, but there will be an incubation time here with him."

The executive, who has a background in player personnel, gives Mariota a "first-round grade" along with Jameis Winston, a player who seems to be currently consolidating his stock as the top pick in the NFL Draft. But there will be bumps along the way for both quarterbacks, he cautions, and more so for Mariota.

One thing that sticks out for Mariota is that, in Oregon's offense, they run a high percentage of pre-snap reads, meaning that he knows before the ball is snapped where he is going with his pass. He also benefits from an offense where targets are always open and where the first-read is very often the easiest pass. It sounds eerily similar to Geno Smith two years ago, who came out of a pass-happy spread offense at West Virginia.

Through two NFL seasons with the Jets, Smith has yet to finish a year with more touchdowns than interceptions.

"He's going to have a first-round grade; he's going to have an eventual starter grade. [But] can he become a Pro Bowler? I don't know that," the executive said. "If you're desperate for a quarterback, there are some traits you feel good at working with. He's going to get picked somewhere along the way."

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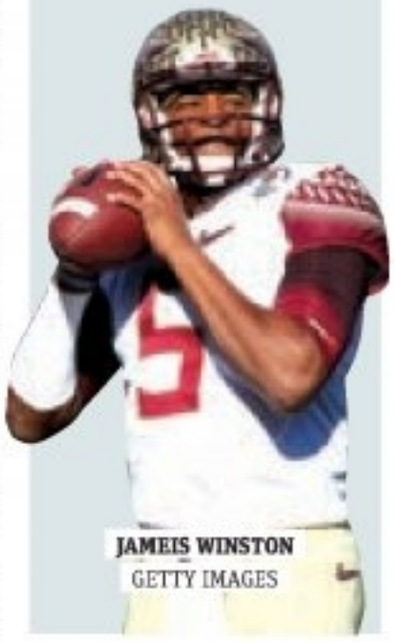
**One NFL executive's assessment of Jameis Winston:**

- "Whereas Mariota might have five floors of growth left, Winston might only have [one] floor left. ... To me, if you need a QB today, [Winston] is your choice."



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# What's next for the ever-changing 76ers?

**NBA.** All the depleted Sixers can do now is keep playing basketball.

The transformation continues. When will it end? Good question. Sam Hinkie was clearly the most active executive on deadline day, making a flurry of moves.

Michael Carter-Williams? Gone.

K.J. McDaniels? Gone.

Hinkie dealt All-Star Jrue Holiday before MCW, so it appears no player is safe on the Sixers. It's a fluid process that has netted the Sixers numerous draft picks — as many as four first-round picks in 2015. It's likely to be two, with the others rolling into next year and beyond.

The Sixers finished 19-63 last season, and they're currently 12-44. They lost to Indiana, Orlando and Miami since the trade deadline. Next up is a visit Wednesday night at Milwaukee, the new home for Carter-Williams.

A great many players have come and gone since coach Brett Brown took over before last season.

Is Isaiah Canaan the 76ers point guard of the future? / GETTY IMAGES

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**"You take a deep breath, and you say that is what is best for the city. That is what is best for the Philadelphia 76ers, so that is what we should do."** Brett Brown

When MCW was dealt just before the deadline, it sent some shock waves through the city and the league.

After all, this was the reigning Rookie of the Year.

Carter-Williams struggled with his offense, most notably his shot. Just like that, he was traded to the Bucks.

"I think it is a harsh and unfair judgment to tell someone who came off shoulder surgery and didn't have any time to practice on his shot, that he categorically is never going to be a good shooter," Brown said. "If you do the math and study, you can improve shooting."

He'll almost certainly improve under Bucks coach Jason Kidd, a former star point guard.

"I think Michael Carter-Williams is going to be a hell of a player," Brown said. "I am going to be real curious watching him go to Milwaukee and play under a point guard that I always referenced. I would say, "Who are you going to be?" and inevitably I would come back to Jason. It is ironic that this is where he has ended up."

Brown's point guards are now Isaiah Canaan and Tim Frazier with JaKarr Sampson as an emergency backup. That's quite different from Holiday and MCW. Brown's players are still so young, so inexperienced. Heading into Brown's third year, Embiid is expected to play. You never know. The roster transformation could still be in major flux. Staying patient for a third year is a given. Beyond that, it's a simple game of wait-and-see. But there has to be an end game at some point.

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**Date of Sale: March 18, 2015**

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